

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for retrieving documents in a computer network, the method comprising:

~~receiving an indication of a document selection performed by a user, the document selection identifying a desired file reference contained within a document displayed to the user~~ detecting that a user has activated a cursor control device while a cursor is inside a selectable area associated with a file reference;

~~in response to receiving the indication of the document selection, displaying to the user a list of one or more selectable data exchange modes~~ in the vicinity of the cursor, while the cursor control device is activated;

~~detecting that the user has deactivated the cursor control device after determining placing the cursor over a data exchange mode selected by the user from the list for the desired file reference; and~~

~~ensuring that~~ issuing a request to retrieve data associated with the ~~desired~~ file reference ~~from a server~~ is in accordance with the selected data exchange mode.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~wherein said ensuring further comprises~~ further comprising:

before issuing the request, modifying one or more configuration parameters of an Internet browser in accordance with the selected data exchange mode; and

restoring the one or more configuration parameters of the Internet browser upon processing the request ~~for data associated with the desired file reference.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~ensuring~~ issuing further comprises:

modifying the request issued by an Internet browser in accordance with the data exchange mode selected by the user.

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6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the user selection of the data exchange mode affects only the data associated with the ~~desired~~ file reference.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the selected data exchange mode affects any one of the amount of user-specific information sent with the request, the amount of data sent by the server in response to the request, and the format of data sent by the server in response to the request.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the server is~~ said issuing further comprises communicating with a network server storing the data associated with the ~~desired~~ identified file reference.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said issuing further comprises communicating with a proxy, the proxy performing operations comprising:

~~the server is a proxy that communicates with a network server storing the data associated with the desired file reference; and~~

~~said ensuring further comprises the proxy~~ modifying the request for data when required by the selected data exchange mode,

communicating with a network server storing the data associated with the file reference, and ~~the proxy~~

modifying data received from the network server when required by the selected data exchange mode.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the request for data ~~sent to~~ communicated to the proxy contains an identifier of the selected data exchange mode.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~ensuring~~ issuing further comprises:

sending a request to retrieve data associated with the ~~desired~~ file reference to a first server, the request conforming to the selected data exchange mode;

receiving a response from the first server, the response indicating a new location of the data associated with the ~~desired~~ file reference; and

automatically issuing a second request to a second server using the new location, the second request conforming to the selected data exchange mode.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:

data associated with the ~~desired~~ file reference is stored on a plurality of servers; and
said ~~ensuring~~ issuing further comprises sending a request to each of the plurality of
servers, the request conforming to the selected data exchange mode.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~ensuring~~ issuing further
comprises:

including an identifier of the selected data exchange mode; and
sending the request with the identifier of the selected data exchange mode to a first
proxy.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising:

the first proxy selecting a second proxy as a recipient of the request based on the
identifier of the selected data exchange mode and a predefined set of operations performed by
the second proxy.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising:

the first proxy taking responsibility for performing a first portion of operations
required by the selected data exchange mode; and

the first proxy selecting a second proxy for performing a second portion of operations
required by the selected data exchange mode.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising:

the first proxy updating the identifier of the data exchange mode with an identifier value associated with the second portion of operations; and

the first proxy sending the request with the updated identifier value to the second proxy.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for retrieving documents in a computer network, the method comprising:

receiving an indication of a data exchange mode chosen by a user for a desired file reference;

determining, based on the data exchange mode, whether data associated with the desired file reference should be retrieved directly from a destination network server storing the data; and

if the data should be retrieved directly from the destination server, issuing a data request to the destination network server without sending the data request to a proxy; and

~~when~~ if the data should not be retrieved directly from the destination server, directing a request for data to a proxy for a modification in accordance with the data exchange mode.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the modification in accordance with the data exchange mode affects any one of the amount of user-specific information sent with the request, the amount of data sent by the server in response to the request, and the format of data sent by the server in response to the request.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the data should not be retrieved directly from the destination server if the data exchange mode requires modifying either the request for data or the data retrieved from the destination server.
20. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising:
- the proxy sending the request to the destination network server, the request conforming to the data exchange mode;
 - the proxy receiving the data associated with the desired file reference from the destination computer; and
 - the proxy modifying the data when required by the data exchange mode.
21. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein directing the request for data to the proxy further comprises:
- identifying one of a plurality of proxies as a recipient of the request; and
 - sending the request to said one of the plurality of proxies.
22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein:
- at least one of the plurality of proxies performs a predefined set of operations; and
 - said identifying is based on the predefined set of operations and the data exchange mode.
23. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising:

adding additional information to the request sent to at least one of the plurality of proxies, the additional information including an identifier of the data exchange mode.

24. (Currently Amended) A system for retrieving documents in a computer network, the system comprising:

a data exchange mode identifier to ~~receive an indication of a document selection performed by a user, the document selection identifying a desired file reference contained within a document displayed to the user~~ detect that a user has activated a cursor control device while a cursor is inside a selectable area associated with a file reference, to display a list of one or more selectable data exchange modes in the vicinity of the cursor while the cursor control device is activated, and to detect that the user has deactivated the cursor control device after placing the cursor over, ~~and to determine a data exchange mode selected by the user from the list for the desired file reference;~~ and

a request modifier to ~~ensure that~~ modify a request to retrieve data associated with the ~~desired file reference from a server is in accordance with the selected data exchange mode.~~

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 24 wherein determination of the data exchange mode remains valid only for the data associated with the ~~desired~~ file reference, and is updated after receiving indication of the next document selection by the user.

26. (Currently Amended) A system for retrieving documents in a computer network, the system comprising:

a data exchange mode identifier to receive an indication of a data exchange mode chosen by a user for a desired file reference; and

a destination coordinator to determine, based on the data exchange mode, whether data associated with the desired file reference should be retrieved directly from a destination network server storing the data, and if the data should be retrieved directly from the destination server, to send a request for data to the destination network server without sending it to a proxy, and if the data should not be retrieved directly from the destination server, to direct a request for data to a proxy ~~when the data should not be retrieved directly from the destination server.~~

27. (Original) The system of claim 26 wherein the data exchange mode used by the destination coordinator remains valid only for the data associated with the desired file reference, and is updated for the next desired file reference.

28. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed on a processor, cause said processor to perform operations comprising:

~~receiving an indication of a document selection performed by a user, the document selection identifying a desired file reference contained within a document displayed to the user~~ detecting that a user has activated a cursor control device while a cursor is inside a selectable area associated with a file reference;

~~in response to receiving the indication of the document selection, displaying to the user a list of one or more selectable data exchange modes~~ in the vicinity of the cursor while the cursor control device is activated;

detecting that the user has deactivated the cursor control device after placing the cursor over ~~determining~~ a data exchange mode selected by the user from the list for the ~~desired file reference~~; and

~~ensuring that~~ issuing a request to retrieve data associated with the ~~desired~~ file reference ~~from a server~~ is in accordance with the selected data exchange mode.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed on a processor, cause said processor to perform operations comprising:

receiving an indication of a data exchange mode chosen by a user for a desired file reference;

determining, based on the data exchange mode, whether data associated with the desired file reference should be retrieved directly from a destination network server storing the data;

if the data associated with the desired file reference should be retrieved directly from the destination network server, directing a request for data to the destination network server without sending it to a proxy; and

~~when~~ if the data should not be retrieved directly from the destination server, directing a request for data to a proxy for a modification in accordance with the data exchange mode.

30. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein:

detecting that the user has activated the cursor control device comprising detecting that the user has pressed a button of the cursor control device; and

detecting that the user has deactivated the cursor control device comprising detecting that the user has released the button of the cursor control device.